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AND INFORMATION OUTPUT	)	
APPARATUS	:	February 20, 2004

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents were submitted in the parent application (No. 10/216,745), and are not enclosed herewith for that reason.

The Japanese language documents listed on the Form PTO 1449 are discussed in the specification at pages 1, 2 and 34. Applicants submit that those documents may be relevant for the reasons noted therein. U.S. Patent Nos. 6,097,497; 6,291,829; and 6,276,776 are also discussed in the specification, at pages 1 and 2, 34 and 73, respectively.

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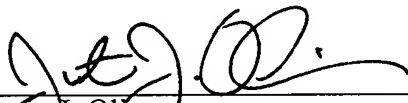
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

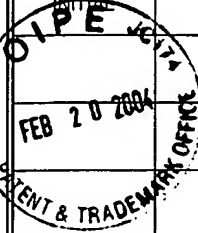
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
	5,361,332	11/01/94	Yoshida, et al.				
	6,097,497	08/01/00	McGraw				
	6,291,829	09/18/01	Allen, et al.				
	6,276,776	08/21/01	Umezawa, et al.				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT		
11-314443	11/1999	Japan			Abstract		
2000-301805	10/2000	Japan			Abstract		

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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